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| Hikaru OSADA                 | ) | Examiner: Unassigned |
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| Filed: March 4, 2002         | ) |                      |
| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | ) | August 7, 2002       |
| HAVING SPEED-CHANGEABLE      | ) |                      |
| IMAGE BEARING BODY           | ) |                      |

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Except as provided herein, a copy of each of the listed patent documents are also enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the subject application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

### REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 63-313182 and 2-157878 are discussed at least at page 2, line 14 through page 5, line 4 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,149,941 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document 63-313182.

U.S. Patent No. 4,970,219 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2-157878.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44075 through 4-44083 and 4-201980 through 4-201984 are discussed at least at page 4, line 19 through page 6, line 24 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,148,226 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44076, 4-44077, 4-44079, and 4-44082; U.S. Patent No. 5,525,775 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44075, 4-44080, and 4-44081; and U.S. Patent No. 5,210,579 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-204980 and 4-204983.

Japanese Patent Document No. 9-319282 and U.S. Patent No. 5,819,149 are discussed at least at page 6, line 25 through page 7, line 4 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,819,149, which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 4, 2002, is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 9-319282.

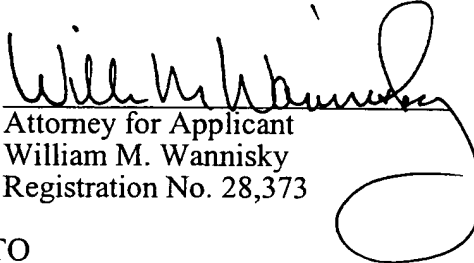
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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| 63-313182                | 12/21/88 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract                              |  |  |
| 2-157878                 | 06/18/90 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract                              |  |  |
| 4-44075                  | 02/13/92 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract                              |  |  |
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